The Bishop William Evan Sanders Scholarship Fund for Racial Minorities

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

**Purpose:** Established by the Diocese of East Tennessee in honor of and in recognition of the spiritual leadership of Bishop Sanders, the purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide tuition assistance to qualified students who are racial minorities from Episcopal churches of the Diocese of East Tennessee who are entering or engaged in higher education on the college or graduate level. Preference may be granted to otherwise qualified eligible minority applicants who are considering entering church vocations.

**Granting Period:** The scholarship will granted on a yearly basis. The amount of tuition assistance will be determined annually by the scholarship committee based on the applicant pool and the availability of funds. Recipients of scholarship funds must present a request for renewal on an annual basis with appropriate documentation of continuing eligibility. See “Continuing Eligibility” below.

**Initial Eligibility:** Episcopal racial minorities (those of Native American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander or Black/African American descent) who submit an Application Form and who:
1. Demonstrate acceptance into an institution of higher learning;
2. Provide evidence of academic achievement (high school or college transcripts), “B”* or higher; and
3. Submit three recommendation forms- - one from a teacher, counselor, or principal, etc vouching for their academic potential; one from an employer or community leader; and one from clergy or senior warden at their home church or the recognized leader of their worshipping community.

* Those students with less than a “B” average who wish to be considered must attach a statement to the Application Form outlining any mitigating circumstances that should be taken into consideration when reviewing their educational attainment.

**Continuing Eligibility:** Students engaged in college level work must maintain a grade point average of “B” or better, provide evidence of academic achievement (college transcripts) and submit an Abbreviated Application Form to qualify for consideration for additional tuition assistance.

**Application Procedures:** Applications for the scholarship may be acquired by writing the Diocese of East Tennessee located at 814 Episcopal School Way, Knoxville, TN 37932 or by calling (865) 966-2110. Application materials will also be available on the web site: [www.etdiocese.net](http://www.etdiocese.net). The Application Form and all attachments and recommendation forms must be returned by July 30. Notification of scholarship awards will be made soon after the application deadline.
Eligibility and Requirements: High school seniors or college students who are Episcopal racial minorities (those of Native American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American descent) in the Diocese of East Tennessee desiring to apply for tuition assistance must complete an Application Form and (1) demonstrate acceptance into an institution of higher learning; (2) provide evidence of academic achievement (high school or college transcripts) — “B” average or higher; (3) and submit three recommendation forms — one from a teacher, counselor, principal, etc., vouching for their academic potential; one from an employer or community leader; and one from clergy or senior warden at their home church or worshiping community. Scholarship awards are for one year. Continuing eligibility requires college students maintain a “B” average, provide transcripts and submit an Abbreviate Application Form in order to be considered for subsequent awards.

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### Applicant Information

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<th>HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)</th>
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### Parent Information

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### Current School Information

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<th>SCHOOL (Name and address)</th>
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<td>HIGH SCHOOL</td>
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### High School Applicants Only

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<th>IN WHAT JUNIOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DO YOU WISH TO ENROLL? (Your choice will not affect your chance of winning a scholarship)</th>
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<td>SECOND CHOICE</td>
<td>WHAT COURSES OF STUDY DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE?</td>
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### Work Information

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<th>HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED OR HAVE YOU WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER (INCLUDING SUMMERS)? IF YES, COMPLETE BELOW:</th>
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### Activities, Awards and Honors Information

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<th>LIST ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED THE PAST FOUR YEARS (E.G. STUDENT GOVERNMENT, MUSIC, SPORTS, ETC.) LIST ALL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED WITHOUT PAY DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS (E.G. BOY/GIRL SCOUTS, HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER, SPECIAL OLYMPICS). INDICATE ALL SPECIAL AWARDS, HONORS AND OFFICES HELD.</th>
<th>ACTIVITY</th>
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GOALS & ASPIRATIONS

MAKE A STATEMENT OF YOUR PLANS AS THEY RELATE TO YOUR EDUCATIONAL CAREER OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE GOALS

CHURCH INFORMATION

NAME OF PARISH

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)

TELEPHONE

NAME OF PRIEST (OR SR. WARDEN OR LEADER OF WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY)

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)  TELEPHONE

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP BECOMES COMPLETE AND VALID ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE RETURNED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

STUDENT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

CURRENT TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES

RETURN APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS TO:

WILLIAM E. SANDERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
C/O THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
814 EPISCOPAL SCHOOL WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING ALL MATERIALS ON TIME. REFER TO SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR POSTMARK DEADLINE.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED BY A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BASED UPON CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I AUTHORIZE MY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS AND GRADES TO THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE.

SIGNATURES

APPLICANT (PARENT, IF APPLICANT IS UNDER AGE 18)  DATE

MY SIGNATURE ALSO AFFIRMS THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

STUDENTS MUST INCLUDE A TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING SECTION COMPLETED BY THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL OFFICIAL

COMPLETE AS APPLICABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

APPLICANT RANKS _____ IN A CLASS OF _____  CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE ________/4.0 SCALE

PSAT: VERBAL _____ MATH _____  / SAT: VERBAL _____ MATH _____  / ACT: VERBAL _____ MATH _____

SCHOOL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE:

NAME  TITLE  DATE

SCHOOL OFFICIAL ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)  TELEPHONE

OTHER INFORMATION

IF YOU WISH TO ADD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT EXTRA CURRICULAR OR VOLUNTEER/CIVIC ACTIVITIES, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES TO THE APPLICATION FORM.
ESSAY QUESTIONS

PLEASE ATTACH EXTRA PAGES IF NECESSARY

1. TELL US ABOUT YOUR LIFE TO DATE, THE EXPERIENCES THAT MADE YOU THE PERSON YOU ARE, AND YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

2. DESCRIBE A SITUATION WHERE YOU DID NOT REACH YOUR GOAL OR DESIRED ACCOMPLISHMENT. WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS? HOW WILL YOU APPLY THE LEARNING TO FUTURE SITUATIONS?
The Bishop William Evan Sanders Scholarship
Recommendation Form

Student Name: Last ________________________ First ________________________ M.I.____

Please evaluate the candidate listed above by completing the following information:

Ability and Personality Traits: Please rate each area, placing the appropriate number in the box.

**Ranking Scale:**
- 5 = Exceptionally High
- 4 = Above Average
- 3 = Average
- 2 = Below Average

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Please describe how the candidate exemplifies or demonstrates the qualities and ideals taught or advocated by the Episcopal Church.

**Indicate your overall endorsement of the candidate by checking the appropriate box:**

[ ] Highly Recommended
[ ] Recommended
[ ] Recommended with Reservation
[ ] Not Recommended

Signature: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

Name (please print): ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Relationship to Candidate: ______________________________________________________

Please Return to: The Bishop Sanders Scholarship Fund, Diocese of East Tennessee, 814 Episcopal School Way, Knoxville, TN 37932 by July 30.